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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The intention of the Minimum Wages Committee is to find out what is a reasonable wage for any industry taking into consideration its relation to the existing living conditions round about that area."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" குறைந்த பட்ச சம்பளக் கமிட்டி இந்த நிலையில் இருப்பதால சில தொழிலாளிகளுககு மிகவும் குறைவான சம்பளம் கொடுபபது நியாயமா ? அது சமூகத்திற்கு விரோதமானதல்லவா? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Leader of the Opposition is going away from the main question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think it is going into a debate on the Minimum Wages Act."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" ஆகவே இந்த மாதிரியான சட்டம் செய்வது சரியல்ல எனபதை கனம் மந்திரி ஒத்துக்கொள்ளுவாரா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid I cannot accept the contention of the hon. Leader of the Opposition."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of including ' agriculture ' as one of the industries under the terms of reference of the Minimum Wages Committee? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In Schedule II, Part II, reference to ' agricultural labour ' has been made. As I have said previously the question of fixing the minimum wage was originally expected to be completed by the end of 1953. I cannot say definitely whether it would be completed by that time. As soon as it is completed, the House will be given an indication as to what is the minimum wage with regard to ' agricultural labour '."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in the matter of selecting Members of this Minimum Wages Committee, is it not a fact that the Government have shown discrimination in selecting the members of labour unions sponsored by the Congress and not members belonging to other labour unions sponsored by parties like the Communist Party? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like the hon. Member to go into the names of the members of the Committee, which is placed on the table of the House. I do not know when Sri Chakkarai Chettiar has become a Congressman."

Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar.

* 66 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the scheme of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive has been put into practice in Malabar and in other non-separation districts since the answer given in July 1953; and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It has been decided to extend the scheme to the districts of South Kanara, Malabar and Tanjore with effect from 1st July 1954."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Government enlighten the House as to whether they have adopted any preparatory measures to implement their decision to extend this reform to Malabar by 1st July 1954? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Certainly, Sir. We have started work."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister enlighten the House as to when the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive would be complete in the whole State of Madras? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about Malabar. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" As early as possible, Sir."

Enquiry into the condition of workers in the Beedi industry.

* 67 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state why Government did not invite any labour representative from Malabar to the Tripartite Conference called by the Government recently at Madras to enquire into the condition of beedi workers and the beedi industry in this State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member presumably refers to the conference held on 22nd June 1953 for discussing the grievances of beedi workers in general. It was mainly a conference convened privately in the City of the branch managers of the beedi factories and hence only three labour leaders from the Madras City were invited to it."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" ബീഡി ഫാക്ടറി ബ്രാഞ്ച് മാനേജർമാരുടെ പ്രശ്നം മദ്രാസ് സംസ്ഥാനത്തു മുഴുവൻ ബാധിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പ്രശ്നമാണെന്നിരിക്കെ മലബാറിലെ ട്രേഡ് യൂനിയൻ പ്രതിനിധികളെക്കൂടി ക്ഷണിക്കാതിരിക്കാൻ കാരണമെന്താണ് ? മലബാറിൽനിന്ന് ഒരു പ്രതിനിധിയെക്കൂടെ ക്ഷണിക്കാൻ ബഹു : മന്ത്രിക്കു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" When we convene a conference of all the Branch Managers and all the labour unions of the State, certainly we shall not overlook Malabar's claim."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it not a fact that the conference was convened mainly for the purpose of trying to persuade employers to implement the award existing at present? Will the Government give an assurance that they would take action against those employers who have not paid the minimum wages prescribed in the award relating to the beedi industry? "